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FOREWORD

The Class of 1947 herewith presents its publication of the Beaconite to the student body of Johnston Consolidated School and its followers.



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DEDICATION

To those who dared and fought and died,
Our hearts go out with bursting pride.

To PHILLIP REESE, a brave Marine,
Who fought and died for "forest green".

To "RED" MAX MINNICK goes our thanks,
His job well done in Army ranks.

To DONALD MICHAEL praise we give,
He died that all of us might live.

To DONALD JEFFREY much we owe,
His best he gave to rout the foe.

To BERKLEY FLETCHER, flyer brave,
Who died, our humble homes to save.

Great God above, give them sweet peace,
Keep them with Thee and still their fears,
That those whom they have left behind,
May greet them in the after years.

Marion M. McGovern

To these boys who gave their lives for the honor
and the glory of our country, the Senior Class ded-
icates the 1947 Beaconite.



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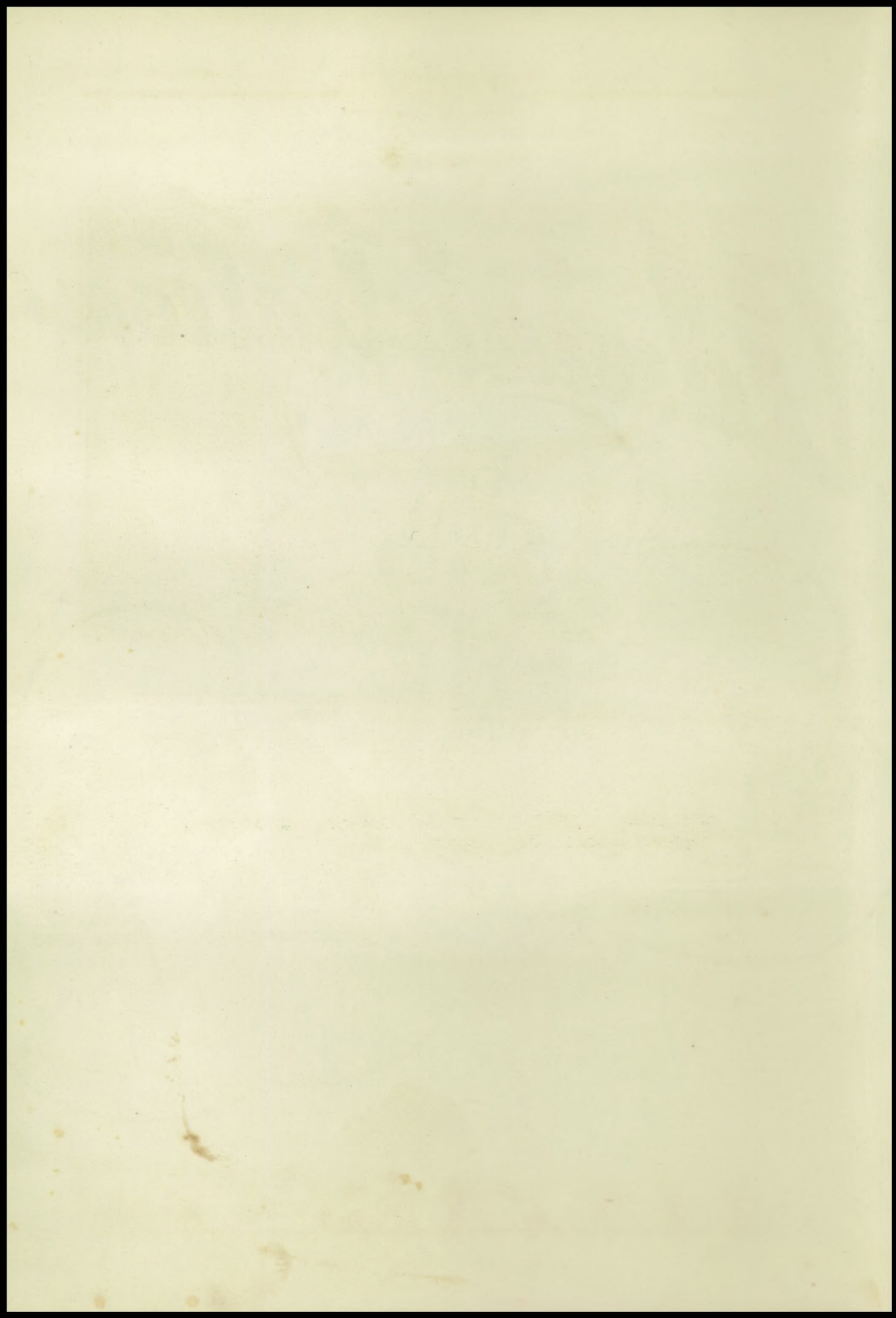
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Administration





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SCHOOL BOARD

Dan Rock, Worthy Surber--President, Arlie Otto,
Raymond Baker, Royal Manny.



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SUPERINTENDENT
CHARLES S. VARNER



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FACULTY

FRONT ROW:

Ethel Ballou-----	Eighth Grade
Vee Dowling-----	Seventh Grade
Helen Larson-----	Kindergarten
Clarice Orcutt-----	Fourth Grade
Laura Manny-----	Sixth Grade
Ada Maxon-----	Music
Marthe Varner-----	Commercial
Burnis Payton-----	Third Grade
Phyllis Moline-----	First Grade

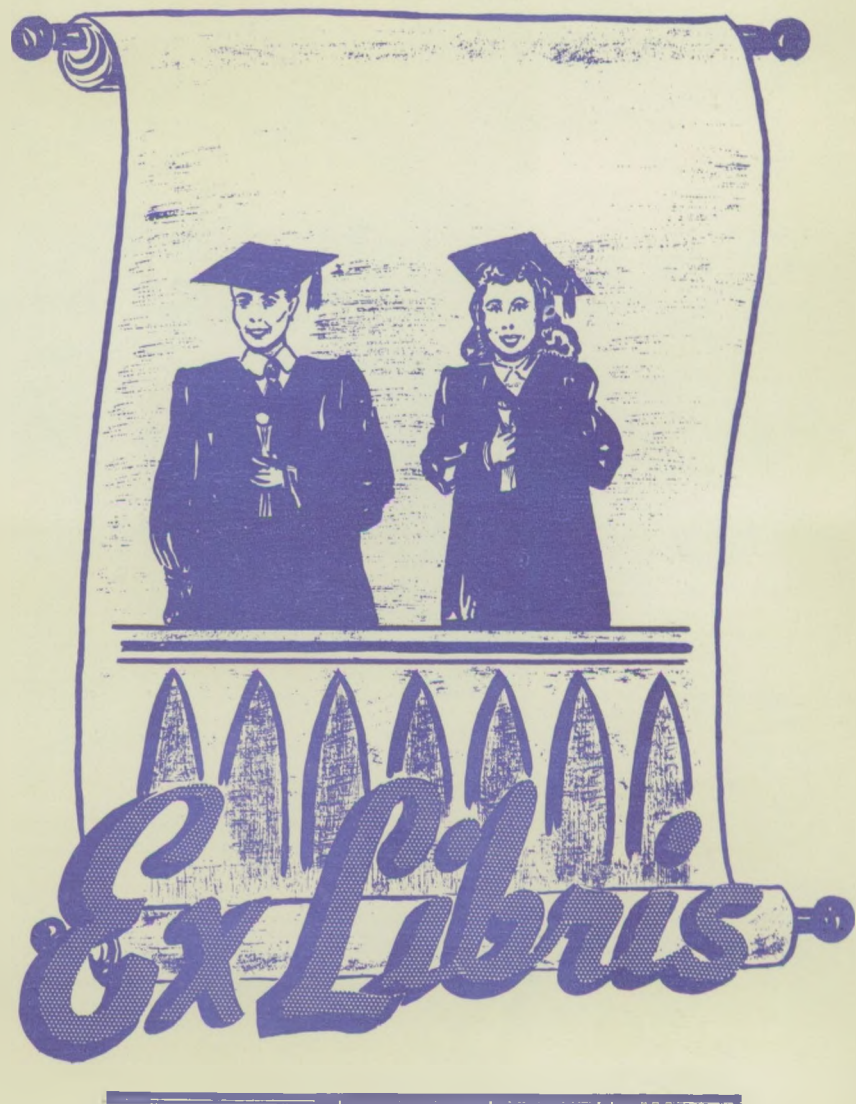
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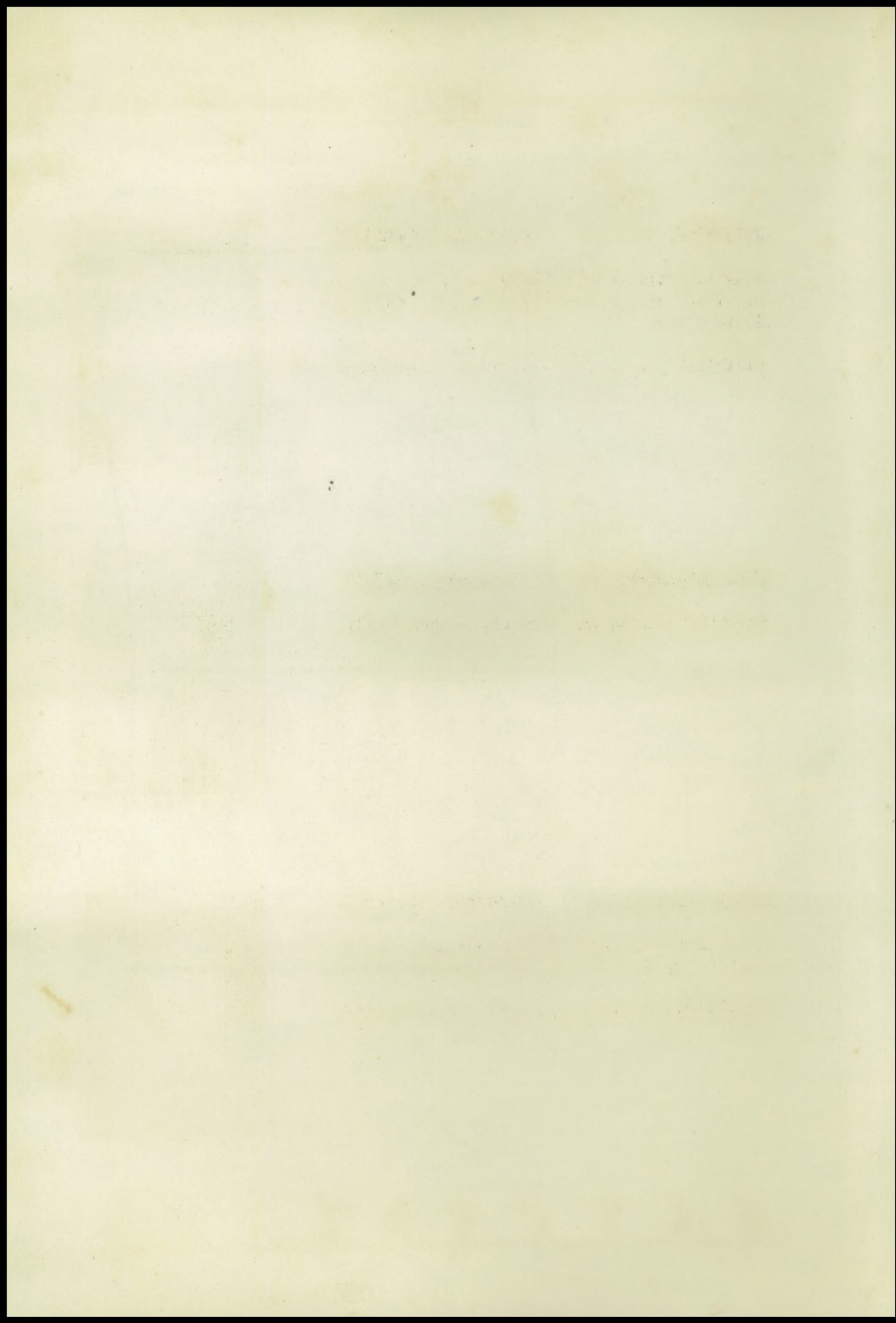
Merle Wilson-----	Second Grade
Edith Baker-----	Fifth Grade
Harold Schuler-----	Coach
Harry Smith-----	History
Charles Varner-----	Superintendent
Margaret Fritz-----	English
Bernice Scott-----	Principal
Helen Berry-----	Home Economics



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JOHN BETZ

Nickname "FARMER"

Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4;
Football 2, 3; Baseball 3, 3; Junior
Class Play.

AMBITION.....To go to College



LYLE BILLINGS

Nickname "RADAR"

Football 2, 3, 4; Junior Class Play.

AMBITION.....To go to Iowa State



ALICE IRENE BOYER

Nickname "BOOFER"

Glee Club 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 3, 4;
Sextet 3, 4.

AMBITION.....To be a Success



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GERMAINE COUSINEAU Nickname "JERRY"

Band 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Sextet 1, 2, 4.

AMBITION...To be a success in everything I do



DONNA CREES Nickname "WRINKLE"

AMBITION.....To get through college



RAMONA CROWELL Nickname "HOPE"

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4.

AMBITION.....To be an Interior Decorator



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RICHARD C. FISCHER Jr. Nickname "BUD"

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1; Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 4; Class Officer 3; Junior Class Play.

AMBITION.....To be an executive at something.



MARGARET GOODMAN Nickname "GOODIE"

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Sextet 4; Junior Class Play.

AMBITION.....Work in an office



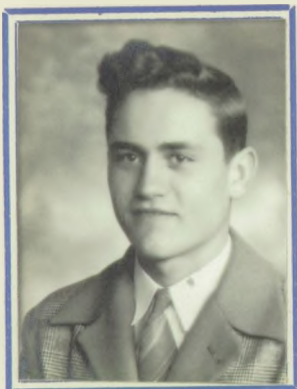
WESLEY J. HALL Jr. Nickname "JIM"

Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

AMBITION.....Farmer



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CHARLES HARDING Nickname "CHUCK"
 Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4;
 Class Officer 2, 3; Junior Class Play
 Baseball 1, 4.

AMBITION.....Iowa State College



DORIS JEFFREY Nickname "DORIE"
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3,
 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Sextet
 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Class Play.

AMBITION.....To travel



MARY KIRKPATRICK Nickname "CUDDLES"
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 3, 4;
 Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 4.

AMBITION.....Go to CCCC



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RUTH LONG

Nickname "RUFFIE"

Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2,
Basketball 3, 4; Junior Class Play.

AMBITION..To be a girls basketball coach



FRANCES LONGO

Nickname "TUNNEY"

Mixed Chorus 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3,
4.

AMBITION.....To go through college



WILLIAM MOSS

Nickname "BILL"

Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4;
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2,
3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Student
Council 4; Class Officer 1, 2, 3;
Junior Class Play.

AMBITION.....M.D. and Surgeon



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MARY JANE RASTOVAC

Nickname "BABE"

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Sextet 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Class Officer 1, 2; Junior Class Play.

AMBITION.....To go to Europe



MARGARET REESE

Nickname "TIG"

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3; Sextet 1, 2, 3; Junior Class Play.

AMBITION.....To go to California



DOROTHY SANDEGREN

Nickname "DORT"

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Sextet 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Class Play.

AMBITION...To be a social worker in some Children's Home.



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NICHOLAS VIGNOVICH

Nickname "VIG"

Mixed Chorus 3; Basketball 3, 4;
Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4;
Junior Class Play.

AMBITION.....To have my own stables and
raise race horses.



PATRICIA WHISLER

Nickname "STINKY"

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1,
2, 3, 4; Sextet 1, 2, 3, 4; Basket-
ball 1, 2; Junior Class Play.

AMBITION.....Physical Therapist



ROSIE YOSHIDA

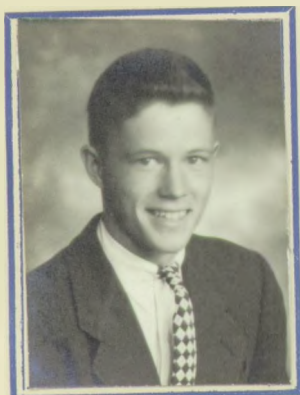
Nickname "ROSS"

Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Basket-
ball 3, 4; Student Councils 4; Class
Officer 4.

AMBITION.....To spend a summer in Hawaii



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DON ZARLEY

Nickname "DIZZY"

Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; Class Officer 1, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

AMBITION.....To succeed Mr. Varner



RALPH BASSETT

Nickname "TOAD"

Basketball 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 3; Junior Class Play Baseball 3.

AMBITION.....To make \$999,999,999.99



MAROLYN ROBERTSON

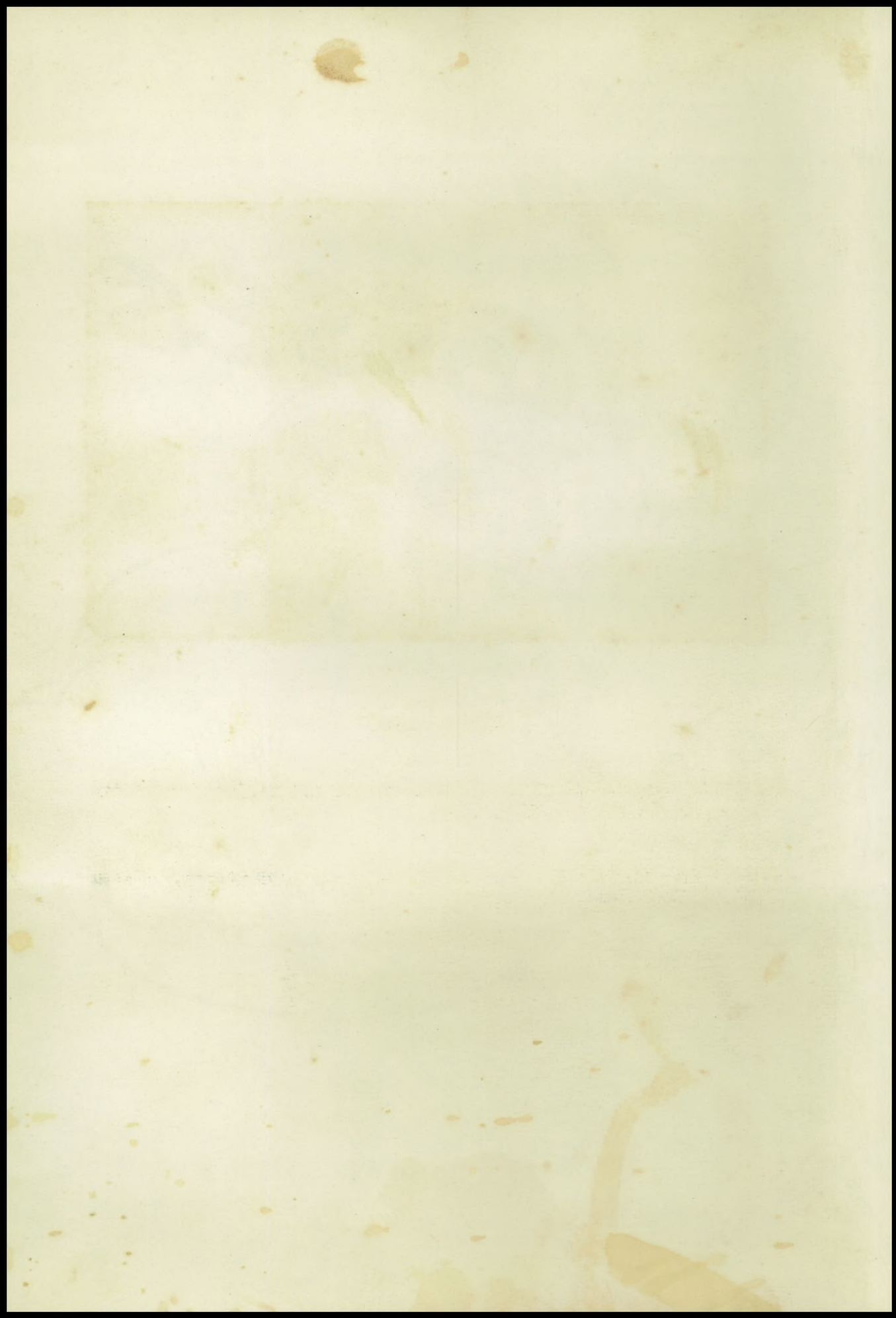
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Sextet 1, 2; Junior Class Play.

AMBITION.....To be a concert pianist



Classes





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JUNIOR CLASS

FRONT ROW: Marjorie Brown, Juanita Evans, Zatha Sloan, Helen McKean, Luella Elings, Mrs. Berry.

SECOND ROW: Bill Robinette, Harlan Daggett, Bob McCart, George Young, Carl Dunn, Bill Naylor.

CLASS OFFICERS

President-----Bill Robinette
Vice President--George Young
Secretary-----Marjorie Brown



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SOPHOMORE CLASS

FRONT ROW: Marilyn Bauman, Anne Clark, Waneta McDowell, Wanda McDowell, Beverly Betz, Sufica Bianchi, Margaret Otto, Evelyn Siever, Opal Boyer.

SECOND ROW: Lee Baker, Darrell Ritchhart, Bob Shiffer, Richard La Mar, Roger Wigton, Dean Bowen, Jim Wheeler, Miss Fritz.

THIRD ROW: Charles Siever, Robert Olsasky, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Zelpha Slone, Ted Miller, Kenneth Haifley.

ABSENT: Delores Christenson, Lester Hesseltine, Don Mills, John Boyle.

CLASS OFFICERS

President-----Jim Wheeler
 Vice President--Robert Shiffer
 Secretary-----Beverly Betz



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FRESHMAN CLASS

FRONT ROW: Daryl Stuck, Richard Stuck, Jack Rothwell, Dale Carpenter, Walter Robinette, James Gilbert.

SECOND ROW: Dick Tarleton, Joyce Fiscel, Dorothy Hesseltine, LaVerna Kirkpatrick, Mary Ann Rittgers, Lois Herway, Patricia McCoy, Joan Lutz, Elwood Schuessler.

THIRD ROW: Harlan House, Marvin Crozier, Jack Houser, Charles Haifley, Kenneth Williams, John Burris, John White, Vernon Schuessler, Richard De Armond, Mrs. Varner.

FOURTH ROW: Norma Ross, Joyce Young, Cheryl Good, Donna Ansley, MaryAnn Williams, Mary LaMar, Gloria Fischer, Charlotte Temple, Carol Rittgers.

ABSENT: Russell Slauson, Pat Morrissey, Phillip Wood.

CLASS OFFICERS

President-----Vernon Schuessler

Vice President--Elwood Schuessler

Secretary-----Marvin Crozier



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EIGHTH GRADE

FRONT ROW: Betty Olsasky, Norma Bianchi, Shirley Orr, Nancy Hummel, Shirley Danielson, Betty Robinette, Nina Still, Margaret Joshe, Ruth Hesseltine.

SECOND ROW: Mrs. Ballou, Bobby Leonard, Larry Baker, Bobby Harvey, Richard Howley, Harold McCoy, Nyal Tasler, Richard Sandergren.

THIRD ROW: Marvin Boston, Norma Davidson, Dorothy Crowell, Arleen Harter, Sally Stirts, Betty Yoshida, Delores Stange, Gene Tasler

ABSENT: Dick Dunn, Phyllis Heiden.



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SEVENTH GRADE

FRONT ROW: Harvey Robinette, Jacquelyn Longshore, Earlene Williams, Shirley Eaton, Suzanne Bilz, Beverly Evans, Jean Leonard, Roger Tasler, David Schuessler.

SECOND ROW: Mrs. Dowling, Richard Hufford, Darrell Seibert, Bill Ashley, Ronald Bagley, Charles Kemming, Homer Botz, William Peterson, Robert Froerksen.

THIRD ROW: Richard Rock, Melvin Reese, Dixie Clover, Lyla Bassett, Donella Crowell, Charles Howe, Daryl Crees.

ABSENT: Donald Candy, Marlane Mc Dole, Richard Harris, John Mabbitt.



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SIXTH GRADE

FRONT ROW: Jimmy Schuessler, Jacqueline Leonard, Alberta Nord, Robert Hawbaker, Keith Brink, Mary Tingley, Carol Gray, Gordon Davis.

SECOND ROW: Tom Eaton, Delbert De Long, Arthur Burris, Jerry Zarley, Joe Hendrickson, Gary Orlich, Vernon Riggs, Mrs. Manny.

THIRD ROW: Nancy Gilbert, Linda Danielson, Patty Orr, Jeanine Betz, Alice Jo Ash, Rose Mary Piotraschke, Mildred Brown.

ABSENT: Ann Marie Call, Larry Boucher, Bobby Slauson, Donald Harris, Elvan Harryman.



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FIFTH GRADE

FRONT ROW: Larry Armstrong, Martha Dunn, Billy Foshe, Harold Adams, Doreen Lewis, Verilea Hoskett, Lyle Reed, Ronald Fiscel, James Leonard.

SECOND ROW: Mrs. Baker, Larry Sellner, Morrill Thomas, Kathryn Yoshida, Kayo Smith, Richard Betz, Garland Seibert, Donald Standers, Miss Oddon (Practico Teacher).

THIRD ROW: Darle Whisler, Gloria Seibert, Joyce Miller, Shirley Bianchi, Marylynn Orcutt, Susan Hummel, Billy Davidson.

FOURTH ROW: John Cahoon, Dick Stembler, Ray Lee Appling, Allan Betz, Ramon Cerar, Albert Hutson, Gregory Curtis.

ABSENT: Dotty Clover.



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FOURTH GRADE

FRONT ROW: Beverly Schuessler, David Norris, Janet Robinette, Mary Wigton, Kenneth Madison, Mary Ellen Dietz, Iona Madison, Kay McCoy, Jeanine Rock, Lucy Massey.

SECOND ROW: Dickie Orr, Janet Adams, Beverly Boston, Joan Dinsmore, Mickey Hawley, Elizabeth Peterson, Vernie Michael, Lucille Benson, Dean Ashley, Patty Ansley, Miss Orcutt.

THIRD ROW: James Robinette, Harold Longshore, Fred Loveridge, Dewayne Still, Shirley Thomas, Janet Hill, Susan Alberson, Marilyn Christenson, Richard McCoy.

FOURTH ROW: Jack Stuck, Mark Jarvis, Stanton Sornson, Craig Freerksen, Dale Madison, Michael Horton, Bob Bragonier, Donald Davidson, Dickie Lutz, Gary Stoner.

ABSENT: Terry Tollefson.



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THIRD GRADE

FRONT ROW: Nancy Caldwell, Shirley Naumann, Lila Tasler, Leo Heisler, Joan Sherman, Buclah Madison, Lois Brown, Eldon Good, Susan Dunn, Barbara Schuessler.

SECOND ROW: Ireno Viers, Fred Diers, Timothy Lockner, Merle Heskett, Shirley Winters, Wanda Sellner, Bob Creos, Nancy Robinette, Richard Hawbaker, Tommy Brown.

THIRD ROW: Bob Brink, Max Westby, Gary Ross, Dale DeLong, Ronald Appling, Patty Hunt, Rosaloe Lutz, Larry Lenz, Ronald Fraizer.

FOURTH ROW: Ruth Crano, Roger Cousineau, Jim Sandegren, Everett Massey, Vida Viers, Buclah Gall, Bill Madison, Don Crowell, Nathan Crowell, Major Goodman.

ABSENT: Shorman Gray, Grandville Wheeler, Carol Gardner, Jean Hutchins.



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SECOND GRADE

FRONT ROW: Bennie Dinsmore, Ruth Stoner, Donald Boston, Nadine Abbott, Marilyn Armstrong, Doris Siever, Janine Smith, Larry Troup, Sandra Standers.

SECOND ROW: JoAnn Welton, William Allen, James Richard McKean, John Robinette, Karen Dewey, Antoinette Tollefson, Vivian Fischer, Vina Viers, Patricia Lenz.

THIRD ROW: Irwin Carr, Terry Lockner, Dennis Holmes, Eldon Appling, Roger Sornson, Joan Blakley, James Krantz, Donald Jarvis.

FOURTH ROW: John Gall, Gerald Hockmuth, Dale Clover, George Burch, Watson Dougherty, Julia Busby, Martha Weatherspoon, Virginia Betz.



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FIRST GRADE

FRONT ROW: Diano Caldwell, Dora Kato Robinetto, Johnny Lutz, Richard Edmonds, Mary Heislor, Jerry Littlejohn, Jimmy Olsasky, Dennis Hawkins, Sonnio Thompson.

SECOND ROW: Warren Yoshida, Curtis Tingley, Larry Miller, Larry Norris, Christy Nowell, Ronnio Kinsey, Jackie Littlejohn, Doris Fitzsimmons, Dean Madison.

THIRD ROW: Eugene Seymour, Ronnio Orr, Jimmy Ashloy, Donna Lathrum, Boulah Benson, Janet Kay Griof, Sandra Pontious, Marlin Eaton, Jerry Morrissey.

FOURTH ROW: Miss Voorhees (Practice Teacher), Ruthanno Wilcox, Sandra Lundberg, Paulino Fosho, Paul Appling, Jimmy Young, Stanly Porin, Gary Piatraschke, Miss Molino.

ABSENT: Robert Young, Jimmy Bragonier, John Burch, Jerry Riggs, Toddy Loeffler, Paulino Lewis, Larry Madoles, Charles Riley, Joyco Slauson, Marylou, Turnbull.



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KINDERGARTEN

FRONT ROW: Barbara Madison, Deanna Stenstrom, Kathy Dunn, Ellen Lamp, Mary Ann Lathrum, Diane Freerksen, Mary Weatherspoon, Judith Betz, Joyce Busby, Mary Pontious, Joyce Still.

SECOND ROW: Monte Stuck, Larry Shearer, Merle Holmes, Jerry Stange, Charles Carpenter, Richard Tingley, Richard Kinsey, Donald Wilson, Donald Seymour, Roger Orr, Bobby Quick, Bobby Dietz.

THIRD ROW: Wallace Naumann, Max Whisler, Robert Willcox, Michael Voorhees, John Armstrong, Dewey Carr, Melvin Grief, Gary Lee Sellner, Spencer Piotraschke, Ronnie Brindle, Miss Larson.

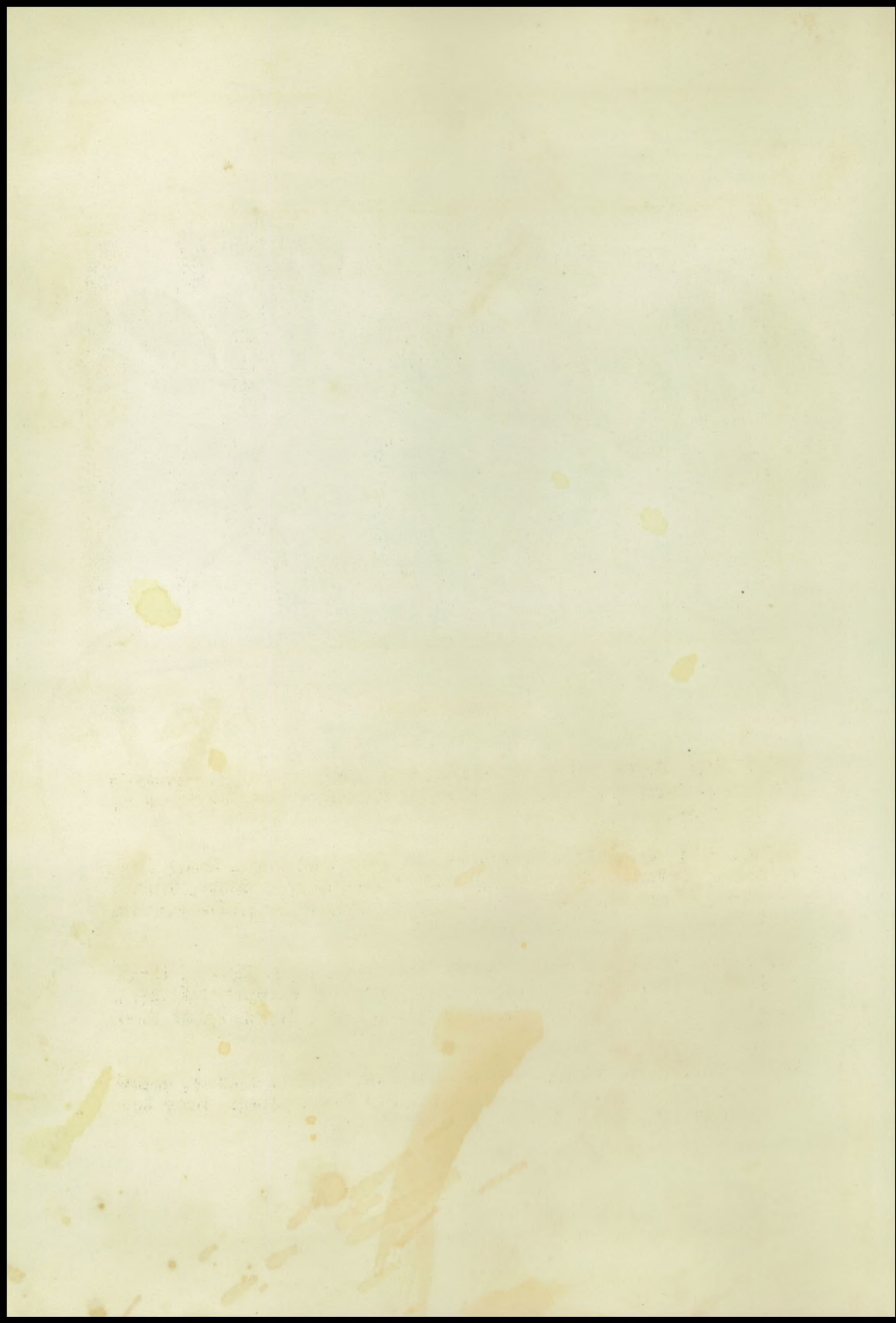
ABSENT: Dennis Clover, Dewayne Smedes, Larry Smith, Ronnie Gilbert, Georgia Dings, Donna Lou Otto, Deanna Robinette, Billy Stoner, Beverly Troup, Sharron Fischer.

MORE RECENTLY ENROLLED: Linda Hoyle, Judith Martin.



Activities





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CONCERT BAND

FRONT ROW: Joyce Young, Shirley Eaton, Donella Crowell, Beverly Betz, Dorothy Sandegren, Marilyn Bauman, Dorothy Crowell, Sally Stirts

SECOND ROW: Jacqueline Longshore, Shirley Danielson, Nancy Hummell, LaVerna Kirkpatrick, Betty Yoshida, Lois Brown, Martha Michael Horton, Lee Baker, Margaret Otto, Doris Jeffrey, Helen McKean, Jerry Zarley, Janine Betz

THIRD ROW: Nancy Gilbert, Linda Danielson, Dixie Clover, Larry Baker, Daryl Stuck, Gary Orlich, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Margaret Goodman, Ann Clark, Nina Still, Daryl Crees, Bobby Hawbaker, Mr. Smith

FOURTH ROW: Dick Stuck, Darrell Seibert, Richard Huffer, Homer Betz, Dick Stemler, Ted Miller, Ray Lee Appling, Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Alice Jo Ash, Delbert DeLong



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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The Instrumental Music Department has an enrollment of sixty students, forty-five of whom are below the ninth grade.

The thirty-six piece Marching Band made its first appearance at the Johnston-Woodward football game. It performed also at the Home Coming game which was played against Dallas Center. During the winter months the band continued to practice as a concert organization, while the small ensembles and soloists prepared for spring music contests.

At the spring contest held in Pella, the saxophone quartet, and Margaret Kirkpatrick, who played a baritone sax solo, were certified to the state contest by virtue of no competition in their respective classes. Doris Jeffrey, alto sax soloist, won first place in her division, and likewise was certified to the state contest. Contestants winning second place ratings were as follows: Richard Stuck, trombone soloist; Margaret Otto, clarinet soloist; Jack Hauser, cornet soloist; the trumpet trio; the brass quartet; and the clarinet quartets.

Personnel of the competing ensembles were as follows:

Trumpet Trio	Bud Fischer Dixie Clover Jack Hauser
Sax Quartet	Doris Jeffrey Anne Clark Margaret Goodman Margaret Kirkpatrick
Clarinet Quartet	Doris Jeffrey La Verna Kirkpatrick Shirley Danielson Margaret Otto
Brass Quartet	Bud Fischer Jack Hauser Richard Stuck Mary Lee Kirkpatrick



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GIRLS GLEE CLUB

FRONT ROW: Pat Whisler, Joan Lutz, Fran Longo, Dorothy Hesseltine, Doris Jeffrey, Evelyn Sievers, Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Mary Jane Rastovac, Marilyn Bauman, LaVerna Kirkpatrick

SECOND ROW: Miss Maxon, Joyce Fiscel, Pat McCoy, Luella Elings, Juanita Evans, Ross Yoshida, Charlotte Temple, Marolyn Robertson, Mary Ann Rittgers, Anne Clark, Wanda McDowell

THIRD ROW: Ruth Long, Jerry Cousineau, Mary LaMar, Gloria Fischer, Beverly Betz, Donna Ansley, Carol Rittgers, Norma Ross, Waneta McDowell

FOURTH ROW: Dorothy Sandegren, Margaret Goodman, Margaret Otto, Zelpha Sloan, Ramona Crowell, Helen McKean, Mary Ann Williams, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Irene Boyer



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HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

FRONT ROW: Waneta McDowell, Pat Whisler, Margaret Reese, Luella Elings, Dorothy Hesseltine, Doris Jeffrey, Mary Ann Rittgers, Mary Kirkpatrick, Mary Jane Rastovac, Marilyn Bauman, LaVerna Kirkpatrick, Anne Clark

SECOND ROW: Miss Maxon, Ted Miller, Don Zarley, Ruth Long, Jerry Cousineau, Ross Yoshida, Dorothy Sandegren, Carol Rittgers, Wanda McDowell, Charlotte Temple, Marolyn Robertson, Jack Houser, Jim Wheeler

THIRD ROW: Jack Rothwell, Bill Robinette, Margaret Goodman, Margaret Otto, Ramona Crowell, Helen McKean, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Irene Boyer, Beverly Betz, Richard Dearmond

FOURTH ROW: Vernon Schuessler, George Young, Nicholas Vignovich, John Betz, Bill Moss, Jim Hall, Charles Harding, Roger Wigton, Carl Dunn, Harlan House, Kenneth Haifley



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GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

The Girls' Glee Club, open to any girl in high school who wanted to sing, boasted of forty members. Because of the variance in musician-ship, experience, and individual interests, much time was spent in the fundamentals of group singing. However, by the second semester, a splendid group was developed, and twenty-eight girls were selected to represent our Glee Club in the preliminary contest at Pella. Our club received the rating of II, the highest given in that event. Our final appearance for the year was at the Spring Concert, where we sang our contest numbers. Our goal for next year is the State Festival.

CONTEST WINNERS

In the Sub State Contest held at Pella, Johnston School was entered in sixteen events. A rating of I was received by these vocal groups and soloists:

Mixed Chorus

Alto Solo--Anne Clark

A rating of II was received by these vocal groups and soloists:

Girls' Glee Club

Girls' Sextette

Mary Jane Rastovac

Margaret Goodman

Doris Jeffrey

Dorothy Sandegren

Patricia Whisler

Ruth Long

Baritone Solos

Bill Robinette

Bill Moss

Don Zarley



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MIXED CHORUS

At the beginning of the school year, the music groups were reorganized with former members as the nucleus, and new members from all of the classes in high school. The mixed chorus, with forty-four voices, accompanied by a chamber group of instruments, presented a Christmas Cantata, "The Wondrous Story" at their first public appearance of the year. Contest numbers were prepared later in the year, and at the preliminary contest at Pella. The chorus was given a rating of I. This entitled them to compete in the state contest at Boone, Iowa. The chorus also appeared at the Spring Concert using their contest numbers, as well as a number in which they were augmented by a children's choir of thirty voices.

The officers of the chorus are:

President Don Zarley
Vice President Mary Jane Rastovac
Librarians Pat Whisler, Vernon Schuessler



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GOLDEN DRAGON STAFF

FRONT ROW: Frances Longo, Margaret Reese, Mary Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Varner, Jerry Cousineau, Ruth Long, Doris Jeffrey.

SECOND ROW: Irene Boyer, Donna Crees, Margaret Goodman, Bud Fischer, Ralph Bassett, Ramona Crowell, Dorothy Sandegren.

ASSIGNMENTS

Editor-in-Chief.	Ramona Crowell
Associate Editors.	Doris Jeffrey, Jerry Cousineau
Society Reporters.	Margaret Goodman, Frances Longo
High School Reporters.	Irene Boyer, Dorothy Sandegren
Grade School Reporter.	Donna Crees
Gossip Reporter.	Margaret Reese
Church Reporter.	Mary Kirkpatrick
Sports Reporters	Bud Fischer, Ruth Long, Ralph Bassett
Advisor.	Mrs. Varner



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THE GOLDEN DRAGON

One afternoon, early last September, the present Typing II Class consisting of twelve members, met and organized, by popular demand, a school paper. The staff was elected and it immediately started to work on the project. The paper was duly christened, "THE GOLDEN DRAGON".

To date we have put out nine excellent issues, each of which have been special numbers. Each issue had a cover appropriate for the season. But these covers, however they might differ in color and style, had one thing in common--each had a border especially designed to humor Mrs. Varner. Everyone was allowed to give vent to his creative ability in decorating his own page or pages of the paper. These journalistic attempts covered a variety of subjects from the latest social events to the current budding romances, and one issue contained a timely poem by Ramona Crowell on the ever-present topic of squirt-guns. Sometimes it took all of Mrs. Varner's ingenuity to get the reporters to turn in their copy on time and many a night the lights in the "little room" burned long and late in a desperate effort to get the "GOLDEN DRAGON" off the press on schedule.

But, all in all, I think I am not overstepping my position to say that 'most everyone had a pretty good time and that we will carry the memory of hours spent on the "GOLDEN DRAGON" with us as we embark on our respective pathways through life, and we will undoubtedly have many good laughs sharing our experiences with our children and our grandchildren.



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STUDENT COUNCIL

FRONT ROW: Kenneth Haifley, Bill Robinette, Vernen Schuessler,
Don Zarley, Carl Dunn.

SECOND ROW: Margaret Kirkpatrick, Bill Moss, Ross Yoshida.

President.....Don Zarley
Vice President..Bill Moss
Secretary...Ross Yoshida
Treasurer.....Carl Dunn



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STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council was organized in October. The purpose was to create a body to plan student affairs, that were formerly carried on by the faculty. Its aim was to serve the student body in a democratic way. The Student Council consists of eight members: three seniors, two juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman. These members are elected by each class. Within the council there is a president, Don Zarley; a vice-president, Bill Moss; a secretary, Ross Yoshida; and a treasurer, Carl Dunn.

The Student Council started its activities this school year by sponsoring the football Homecoming and a party after the game. Next came the Halloween party which was in charge of the Student Council in conjunction with the P. T. A. New Year's eve brought another party sponsored by the Student Council. At the end of the regular season in basketball the class tournaments were managed by the Student Council. At tournament sessions, members sold refreshments, and over forty-five dollars was deposited in the treasury.

Things planned to happen in the future are a school carnival to be put on by the high school, but sponsored and managed by the Student Council. Perhaps there may be another school party. The Student Council plans to draw up a constitution so as to have a written working law.

The High School is looking forward to a very fine Student Council next year, and to many more well-planned school activities.



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SENIOR PLAY

"ANNE OF GREEN GABLES"

CAST

Anne Shirley	Mary Jane Rastovac
Florence Remsen	Pat Whisler
Minnie Stearn	Mary Kirkpatrick
Mrs. Alexander Spencer	Margaret Goodman
Matthew Cuthbert	Don Zarloy
Marilla Cuthbert	Ramona Crowell
Mrs. Rachel Lynde	Ruth Long
Mrs. Barry	Doris Jeffroy
Diana Barry	Dorothy Sandegren
Mrs. Allan	Ross Yoshida
Josie Pye	Jerry Cousineau
Moody Spurgeon	Bill Moss
Gilbert Blythe	Charles Harding
Ira Mills	Nick Vignovich

Green Gables is the home of lovable Matthew Cuthbert and his stern sister, Marilla Cuthbert. Marilla has never been known to thaw out. Nobody suspects that beneath her hard exterior there lurks a soft and tender heart. When Matthew, after a great deal of reflection, finally decides to adopt an orphan boy to help with his farm work, Marilla grudgingly consents. Through a rattlebrained friend of theirs, one Nancy Spencer, they agree to take a boy from the Hopeton Orphanage. Marilla makes ready to receive the boy and Matthew drives to the station to get him. Fancy his consternation when he finds little Anne Shirley waiting for him! There has been a mistake and Anne has been sent to Green Gables in lieu of the boy whom the Cuthberts plan to adopt. There is nothing else to do but to take Anne home and let her stay, at least over night. But from the instant Anne and Matthew meet a strong attachment grows up between the little orphan and the man who has been starving for affection without realizing it. Anne, with her vivid imagination, her charitable viewpoint, her refreshing simplicity, touches the old bachelor's heart. But not so with Marilla. She determines to send Anne back to the orphanage the following day. But she reckons without Anne, who is so enchanted by everything at Green Gables and who cries and begs and pleads so hard to remain that even Marilla, "just to please Matthew, of course," finally gives in and consents.



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JUNIOR PLAY

"ANGEL UNAWARES"

CAST

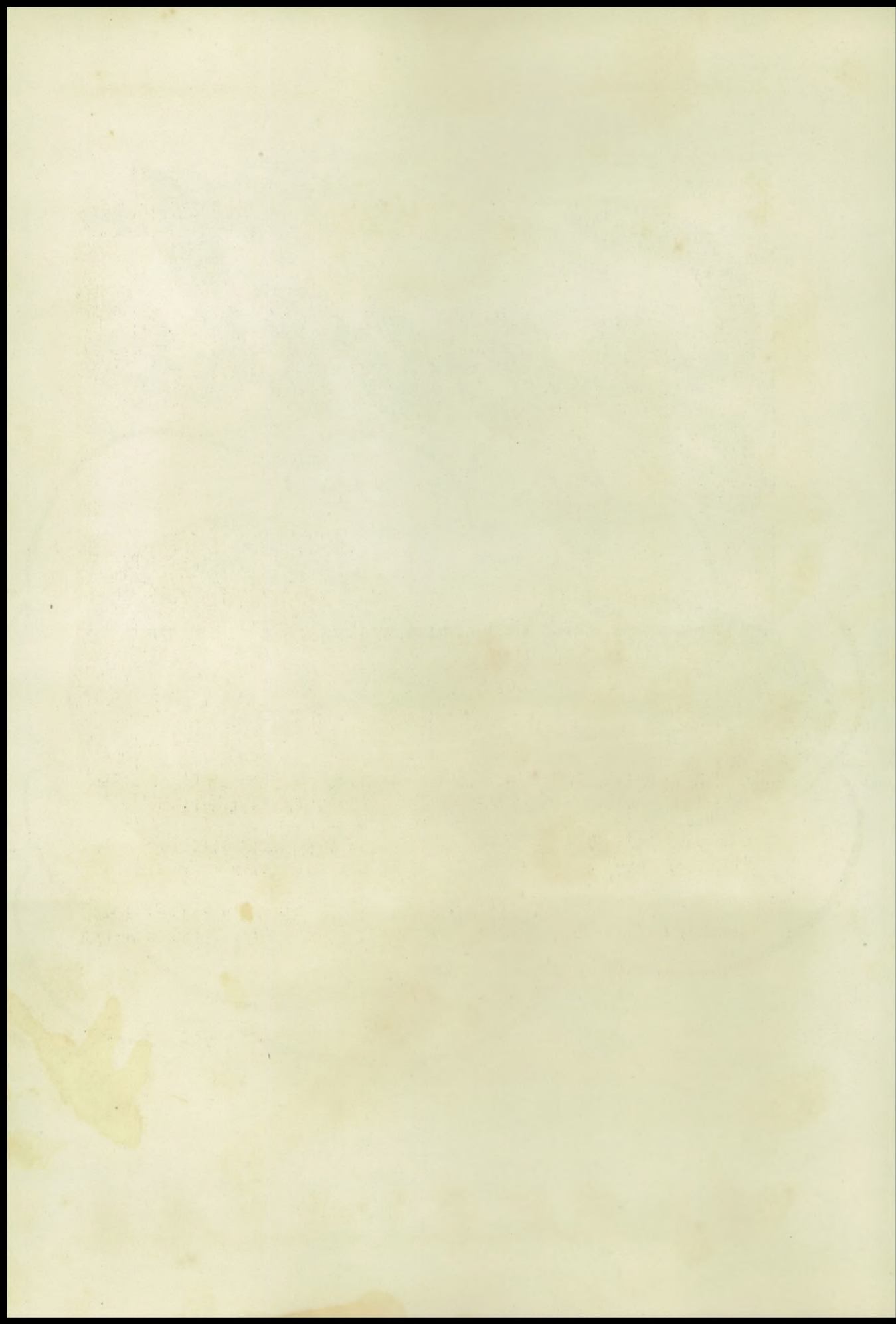
Mr. Dawson	Bill Robinette
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Roberta Dawson	Luella Elings
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Jane	Zatha Slone
Bud	Harlan Dagget
Bill	Carl Dunn
Deputy Sheriff	Bill Naylor

The Dawsons come to their summer cottage for peace and quiet but instead confusion greets them. Floods moroon them, Mom's pearls disappear, the carpenter (really the angel unawarees) is companionable with the suspicious prowler, and Sandra elopes! Solutions are offered for the difficulties and the prowler is identified as a desirable and honorable indibidual.



Sports





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FOOTBALL BOYS

FRONT ROW: Marvin Crozier, Jack Rothwell, Darryl Stuck, Warren Gilbert, George Young, Vernon Schuessler, Richard Stuck

SECOND ROW: Don Zarley, Nick Vignovich, Bill Moss, Jim Hall, Bud Fischer, Ralph Bassett, Lyle Billings, John Betz, manager

THIRD ROW: Mr. Schuler, coach, John White, Robert Shiffer, Roger Wigton, Pete LaMar, Kenneth Williams, Dean Bowen, Charles Haifley



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HIGHLIGHTS OF 1946 FOOTBALL SEASON

Playing in one of the roughest gridiron sections in the state, the Dragons came through the '46 season with the not too impressive record of two wins, three losses, and two ties. However, the brand of football played by the Johnston boys this year makes the sport what it is. Always fighting to the final gun, they came from behind four different times to either win or tie the score.

The first victory was really a feather in the Dragon's war bonnet. After battling on even terms for three quarters, they hit pay dirt and conquered a highly touted Adel eleven, 6 to 0. The next game Ankeny corraled the Dragons and won 26 to 6. Three times the Johnston team spit fire across the Ankeny goal line from within the ten-yard stripe but the Ankeny front wall held firm. The following week it seemed as if Redfield had the Dragons tamed but in the waning minutes of the game, the boys fought back to knot the score at 7 all. In one of the most rugged games of the season, Pleasantville eked out a 13-7 victory which was by no means decisive. As Johnston was the underdog in most of the games this season, they were never moreso than in the battle with Woodward the next week. The invaders received the kickoff and marched 65 yards to score early in the first quarter. Then Johnston used only three plays to tie the score. The half ended with Woodward leading 13 to 7. As the final minutes ticked away the score was unchanged, but again the Dragons came from behind to tie the count, 13 to 13. Johnston's big Homecoming celebration was a smashing success--except for the gridiron contest on which such a festival is based. Dallas Center succeeded in putting a knot in the Dragons' tail and came out on top 26 to 13. A pair of 80-yard gallops kept Johnston in the running till late in the game. The grand finale came a week later at Dexter. Johnston dashed off to a early 7-0 lead but at the end of the second period Dexter had put the fire out and had gone ahead 13 to 7. In true Knute Rockne fashion, Coach Schuler fired his boys on at the half time by drawing to their attention the similarity of their golden jerseys (or yellow, as he called it) and the type of football displayed in the first half. The team, needless to say, scored three touchdowns the next half to win 26 to 13.

Thus ended the football season for 1946. Although the records show a deficiency in the won-lost column, the season was considered a success in that the moral victories attained greatly surpassed all the losses inflicted.



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GIRLS BASKETBALL

FIRST ROW: Mary Jane Rastovac, Ruth Long, Margaret Otto, Ramona Crowell, Sufica Bianchi, Marilyn Bauman, Waneta McDowell, Wanda McDowell

SECOND ROW: Mr. Schuler, Ross Yoshida, Carol Rittgers, Charlotte Temple, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Joyce Fiscel, Mary Ann Rittgers, Marjorie Brown

THIRD ROW: Luella Elings, Norma Ross, Helen McKean, Beverly Betz, LaVerna Kirkpatrick, Dorothy Hesseltine



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GIRL'S BASKETBALL

Teams Played	Score		Teams Played	Score	
	We	They		We	They
Valley High	36	44	Elkhart	45	22
Woodward	35	33	Runnells	40	38
Urbandale	40	35	Polk City	43	22
Woodside	55	25	Sheldahl	23	29
Woodside	40	22	Grimes	40	28
Waukee	30	41	Granger	51	40
Grimes	36	31	Valley High	28	38
Grimes	50	35	Mitchelville	38	18
Collins	25	40	Ankeny	42	39
Woodward	45	44			

There could be no masterpiece of truth other than to say that Johnston High's girl's basketball team was successful up to all expectations; true, they didn't make the State, but glory lies not in the winning alone, but in the fight and spirit.

This season, under the skillful coaching of Mr. Schuler, the girls successfully brought home two trophies, 14 victories, and 5 defeats.

The most important games played were the County and Sectional Tournaments which were held at West Des Moines. In the first three games of the County Tournaments, which were played against Elkhart, Runnells, and Polk City, the Johnston girls walked away triumphantly with all three games. The game climaxing the County Tournaments was played against Sheldahl. Johnston lost by 6 points, but it can't be said that the Johnston girls didn't put up a good fight, for as Coach Schuler said, "They went down fighting."

Then followed the Sectional Tournaments. Grimes was taken by 12 points, and Granger was taken by 11 points. Then followed the game against Valley High which climaxed the Sectional Tournaments. Valley High won, but they didn't walk away with the victory--No, the girls put up a tough fight but lost.

Thus through the perseverance of Mr. Schuler, and the dynamic will of the girls to win, they brought home two trophies--our citation of success.



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BOYS BASKETBALL

FRONT ROW: Walter Robinette, Vernon Schuessler, Nicholas Vignovich, Bill Moss, John White, George Young, James Gilbert

SECOND ROW: Marvin Crosier, Lee Baker, Carl Dunn, Kenneth Williams, Ralph Bassett, Roger Wigton, Jim Wheeler, Dick Tarlton, Mr. Schuler



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BASKETBALL RECORD

The season's record for the Johnston Boys' Basketball team was 6 wins and 13 losses. This record is far from impressive, but the statistics show that with a few breaks the "crackerbox quintette" would rate with some of the best in the country. Three of the 13 losses were in overtime periods, and in half of the setbacks the margin was 3 points or less.

After dropping the opener to Valley, Johnston came back to rout a scrappy Woodward five, 41 to 25. Urbandale was their next victim in a tight defensive game which found the Dragons on top with 3 points. Then the boys went into a minor slump, dropping two heartbreakers to Woodside, a pair to a hot Grimes team, and one to Waukee. Then after Christmas vacation, in a hot and cold game with Collins, the boys realized that they were capable of tangling with the best of them. The Collins team was tall, fast, and plenty hot. The first quarter found them leading 20 to 2 and at the halftime Johnston was on the short end 36 to 8. Coming back in the second half, the Dragons began hitting, and, although they were shy a few points when the final gun went off, they outscored their would-be masters coming down the stretch, 30 to 15. This seemed to be a turning point as from then on the boys played a different brand of ball. Woodward fell the following week and then an undefeated Adel powerhouse eked out a 30-29 victory over our inspired quintette.

Then came the county tournaments. Farrar was the first round foe. Due to weather conditions, the game could not be played at the scheduled time. When the two teams did finally make connections, Johnston came out on top, 43 to 35. Because of the revamped schedule, the boys had to meet a fresh Mitchelville team only a few hours later and dropped a heartbreaker, 22 to 19.

Urbandale, then regarded one of the top teams in the county, was next on the card. Again Johnston dropped a game in an overtime period. Revenge was gained over Mitchelville, their tournament conquerors, in the following contest, 30 to 29. Ankeny, the Polk County champs, proved their might by downing the Dragons in one of Johnston's few one sided losses this year. In the last scheduled game of the season, Johnston tied the score in the last second of play but dropped another overtime round to Dexter, 33 to 30.

Our team downed Granger Assumption in the first round of the sectional tournament, 30 to 32. A "bye" plus this victory placed Johnston in the finals. After a see-saw first half, the Dragons faded in the last period to lose to Granger Public.



Features





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HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF 1947

Early one September morning in 1934, seven of the twenty-two seniors of 1947 tromped into the kindergartn room of the Johnston High School. They were John Betz, Margaret Goodman, Jim Hall, Charles Harding, Doris Jeffrey, Mary Jane Rastovac, and Don Zarley. Miss Marie Koeling was assigned the task of teaching these new pupils the "musts" of educational life. She began very diligently, but as the days passed, her patience was worn almost to nothing, as were the seats of the clothing of some of the children. The main attraction the first year in school was the making of hobby horses out of broomsticks and beaverboard. The horses were gayly painted and then the trouble started. The poor teacher had to run for dear life for fear of being run over by the "witches" on broomsticks!! At this point Miss Koeling began to wonder if society would ever accept her after such an ordeal.

One partner-in-crime joined us in the first grade. He was Nick Vignovich, who proved himself worthy after giving Miss Koeling a hot foot. Miss Keeling was again given the position as our teacher. Soon after this she was given a medal for bravery. This year we were privileged to join with our upperclassmen (the second, third, and fourth grades) in giving a play under the floodlights on the football field. Most of us portrayed flowers which suited us very well!! We were also in the rhythm band which won a first at the contest in West Des Moines. Most of the boys played drums while the girls played trianglos or tambourines.

No new members joined us in second grade, but we did have a new teacher, Miss Dorothy George. The boys always seemed to be crying and we all knew why. Miss George was very pretty and when they would cry, she would hold them on her lap. Shame on you, fellas!!

Third grade brought with it three new class members who have stayed with us through thick and thin. They are Margaret Raese, Dorothy Sandegren and Jerry Cousineau (Jerry left the next year for a couple of years of pre-commando training, but joined us again). Our teacher now was Miss Lucille Williams. We had quite a few in our little mob by this time, so to utilize space in our room, we pushed two rows of seats together. Some of us were quite dissatisfied with our partners. In the whole class room, there seemed to be one seat that was special to all the girls. I wonder whose it was, Don!!!!

Miss Agnes Kuefner was our fourth grade teacher. Other than progressing a little farther in readin', ritin', and 'rithmetic, we were inspired to make the most of hygiene. We had regular inspection every day, and many failed to pass. But children will be children, dirt and



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Fourth grade made us eligible to sing in the chorus. This we did, and again we went to West Des Moines for the contest. The highlight of the performance was the trip to and from the contest on the bus. At Christmas-time, we gave a program for P. T. A. Dorothy Sandegren portrayed an angel----Oh! what deception!!!

Fifth grade came quickly with Miss Doris Lodge as teacher, and the now eleven little dead-end kids added two more wicked little mud-slingers, namely: Bill Moss and Frances Longo. We appointed monitors every week, and Oh! how they suffered if they did anything against the will of the majority.

Miss Halla Rhodes was our teacher in sixth grade, but she became ill and died. Mrs. Wheaton then became our temporary teacher. We were glad to welcome Pat Whisler to our class. Pat proved her undisputed strength, when she quickly and thoroughly threw Nick Vignovich, the sixth-grade Cassanova, out the second-story window. We made an exhibit of old modes of travel, foods, clothing, etc. We also wrote small plays of historical theme to present before our own class. Mrs. Nellie Taylor took Mrs. Wheaton's place later in the year, and we finished her tutelage.

Mrs. Ballou was the teacher in seventh grade and since we were on the same floor with high school, we felt we had really grown up. Here Mary Lee Kirkpatrick joined us and was accepted when she proved herself capable of the most shocking mischief by wiring Mrs. Ballou's chair, and connecting it to the electricity.

Mrs. Vee Dowling and Mrs. Ballou were our eighth grade teachers. Mrs. Dowling helped us prepare a play, "Don't Take My Penny", which we gave as a regular high school play is given. We gave a matinee and an evening performance. Though the crowds weren't large, everyone enjoyed the production immensely. Even the errors added greatly to the performance.

In the ninth grade, our teachers were Mr. W. Clampitt, Mrs. M. Berry, Miss M. Fritz, and Mr. C. Hartman. Margaret Reese left us for a time to go to Amos Hiatt School in Des Moines, but she returned before the school year was over. We were all very excited about going out for basketball, and had much fun. The assembly hall was very new to us, but we finally got used to it.

Four new faces appeared among our ranks in tenth grade. They belonged to Lyle Billings, Ramona Crowell, Bud Fischer, and Ruth Long. Our teachers were Mrs. Scott, Mr. Hartman, Miss Fritz, and Mrs. Berry. This was the year of our first real class party.



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Miss Fritz was our sponsor and we had many an enjoyable time in the school gym on a Friday night. Basketball was again a main interest, and we even got to go to the State Tournaments to see the fine teams play for the championship in the Spring.

Eleventh grade brought many, many activities and three new classmates: Irene Boyer, Donna Crees, and Ross Yeshida. Our teachers were Mr. Hartman, Mr. Schuler, Miss Fritz, and Miss Alice Mae Hadden.

Typing was great fun for all of us, and especially for the boys. If only you could have heard the loving words that escaped their lips when they typed perfect papers every day, oh boys!! We had great fun preparing our Junior play, "Love Your Neighbor", except for all Bud Fischer's toe dancing on the roof and scaring people by hiding in closets, and Miss Fritz's frantic pulling of the hair, things went quite smoothly. Next came preparation of the high school chorus for the contest which had come back into existence after the war. It was held at West Des Moines, and we came home with both defeats and victories. We all worked hard on the Junior-Senior banquet, which was informal. It was held at the Commodore Hotel, and was quite successful. School ended gloriously with everyone looking forward to his senior year.

This year, we have had a wonderful time at school, and will regret leaving it. Our teachers have been Mrs. Scott, Mr. Schuler, Miss Fritz, Mrs. Varner, and Mr. Smith. The commercial class has done a fine job of putting out a bi-monthly community-school paper. We have organized a Student Council (the first at Johnston for quite some time). Don Zarley (president), Bill Moss, and Ross Yoshida represent the senior class. The whole high school, and especially the seniors, is looking forward to the music contest to be held at Pella on March 28. The seniors, under Miss Fritz's direction, are working on their play, "Anne of Green Gables", which will be presented in May. We all had swell times in football and basketball seasons, and are hoping for a fine spring of sports and fun for all.

We all hate to leave dear old J. H. S., and we hope that our presence was a profitable one. "Parting is such sweet sorrow"—Au Revoir



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P. T. A.

The Johnston P. T. A. has had 112 parents, teachers, and friends as members this year. The president for the year was Mrs. Lester Moss.

We have had several outside speakers for our programs. Mrs. C. V. Peel spoke on "Tuberculosis." Mrs. C. O. Hoyt gave an interesting talk on "Comic Books, and Why Children Like Them." Mr. Cleatie Devine spoke on "Juvenile Delinquency".

Our children in school gave us the Christmas program, and have furnished many musical selections on other programs. The junior high gave two plays for the Founder's Day program.

In January, the parents found that they could relax and have a good time at the Adult Fun Night.

The P. T. A. has carried out several successful projects during the year. The health of the school was considered, when in co-operation with the nurse. The kindergarten and the high school received patch tests for Tuberculosis. We purchased a folding cot and several blankets to be used by those who became ill while in school. In the interest of good grooming, mirrors were placed in the rest rooms.

The home room mothers of the P. T. A. sponsored Hallowe'en parties for the grades and the high school. The high school had a New Years eve party given by this same group. The P. T. A. will give a reception for the Seniors and their Parents at the close of the school year.



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SENIOR WILL OF "47"

We the members of the one and only class graduating from Johnston High in May, 1947, believing ourselves to be of unsound mind and body, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament.

To all present and future students of Johnston High we bequeath the happiness and the opportunities for success which we, the graduating class have enjoyed in our four years at Johnston High. Sadly we also leave the many nights of homework which we love so much.

Ross Yoshida leaves her personality to Mary LaMar.

Bud Fischer bequeaths his dice and cards to Tubby Gilbert.

Doris Jeffrey leaves her ability to draw borders for Mrs. Varner to the Junior Class.

Jim Hall leaves his address book and remains to Carl Dunn.

John Betz leaves his lovelorn advice to Richard Stuck.

Ruth Long leaves her long hair to Laverna Kirkpatrick.

Nick Vignovich leaves "the secret of the lilac's" to Lee Baker.

Mary Kirkpatrick leaves her plate-scraper to Carol Rittgers.

Mary Jane Rastovac wills her singing ability to Pat McCoy.

Dorothy Sandegren leaves her bass drum to Ted Miller.

Bill Moss leaves his football T-shirt to Daryl Stuck.

Donna Crees leaves her skating ability to Dot Hesseltine.

Charles Harding wills his search for any girl to Jack Rothwell.

Frances Longo leaves her grammar book to Don Mills.

Ramona Crowell wills her gum-chewing ability to Norma Ross.

Jerry Cousineau wills Darrell Ritchhart to Joan Lutz.



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Patricia Whisler leaves her seat in the Beaver Theater to Sufica.

Margaret Reese leaves all her old boyfriends to Tootsie Elings.

Don Zarley wills his broken bones to Vernon Schuessler.

Lyle Billings leaves his ability to get girls to Richard Howley.

Irene Boyer leaves her yodeling ability to George Young.

Margaret Goodman leaves her bubble gum to Miss Fritz.

To the Faculty who have done their utmost for four years to get rid of us, we bequeath all our remaining possessions of no value.

Therefore in witness thereof, we have hereunto set our hands, and caused the Great Seal of the Graduating Class of May, 1947, to be affixed.

Done this Fifth day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, and of this school, in the city of Johnston, Polk County, Iowa.



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2000 miles above the earth
January 1, 1980

Ladies and Gentlemen of Earth,

Greetings! This is your Register and Tribune reporter way up here in a rocket ship 2000 miles above the earth. Things look mighty small down there but by the use of my X-ray vision, I can see very plainly into the lives of my good friends, the "Class of 1947" of J. H. S. Before I tell you what I see them doing, I want to wish you all a very successful future.

I see many bright and cheerful folks from the "Class of '47" in executive positions. They seem to be scattered all over the world, though, so I will fly completely around the world and relate to you what I see.

First of all, I see the stockyards of Chicago, Illinois. Wait a minute--now--next to the stock yards I see a luxuriously furnished office with a lady seated in a chair at the desk. It is Doris Jeffrey, the vice president of "Andrews' By-Products Co."

Across Chicago I fly until I see a circus camped on Chicago's big fairground. There is a fat-woman side show and who do you suppose I see in it? Of course, it is Ramona Crowell, who owns the title of being the fattest woman in the world. Now I see a sportsman, too. He is 51 years of age, but is still the champion circus wrestler of the world, Lyle Billings.

I fly eastward over Washington, D. C., where I learn that John Betz is Henry Wallace's personal secretary. I read in a newspaper that Bud Fischer was recently promoted to the position of Professor of Grammar at Vassar. In an article about the Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point, N. Y., I discover that Ross Yoshida is director of physical education.

On my way to Europe, I fly over the north pole and notice that Santa Claus has an able helper in Frances Longo. She is busy making toys for the little kiddies at Christmas time. I would like to stop in London to see my friend Dorothy Sandogren, who is known all over the world as the writer of a famous gossip column in the London Times, but time will not permit. As I fly over Moscow where the Olympic games are being held, I can tell that the U. S. is ably represented by champion Charles Harding in the hog-calling contest.

I am caught by winds that take me over the dense tangle of thick underbrush and tropical vines in the midst of the Congo jungle of South



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Africa. I can distinguish Ruth Long with Pearl Buck on a snipe hunt which is perhaps the biggest hunt in the experience of Mr. Buck.

I turn eastward and fly over Siam. Is that a small community I see down there? No, it is the King of Siam, formerly Jim Hall, with a few of his 800 wives. Now to China and the small Chinese province in which Donna Crees is a radical communistic governor. During a recent election, she personally strangled all individuals who took the chance to vote against her.

On my way to South America, I fly over a small, isolated island in the South Sea. It was on this secluded island that Pat Whisler was marooned while on a world-wide hunt for a husband.

In Rio de Janeiro I visit the home of Margaret Reese, who until recently was the friendly undertaker of Rio. She has retired from business because she made enough money to retire during a recent epidemic.

In Hollywood, California, Don Zarley is enjoying his business as a private detective. He has trained a pack of wolves to trail any beautiful woman he seeks. Another person who lives in Hollywood is Irene Beyer, who has replaced Gene Autry as the nation's most popular singer of cowboy songs. She is also a topnotch yodeler.

In Reno, Jerry Cousineau's name is in the headlines as she is in court seeking a divorce from the ancient, but rich, Charlie Chaplin.

In the South, Babe Rastovac recently astounded the political world when the state legislature elected her as Governor of Georgia. She guarantees white supremacy. Marolyn Robertson is the star pianist of the famed Guy Lumbago's jazz hillbillies.

Many have not wandered so far from their school. Margaret Goodman, for instance, works in Des Moines. She is the head waitress at Babe's. Mary Lee Kirkpatrick is the latest stage sensation at the local Shantytown theater in the metropolis, Dogpatch. Nick Vignovich has realized his life ambition and is now the motorman of the D.M. & C.I.R.R. interurban. He recently set a new record for being on time 4 days in a row. J.H.S. is finally getting a new gymnasium. It is now under construction by the Moss Construction Co. of Johnston. It will be completed by 1982.

I am running out of moon beams, which I have to have for breathing at this altitude, so I will have to fly back to the moon to get more. Thanks for reading this letter, and I will be back next year to tell you more.

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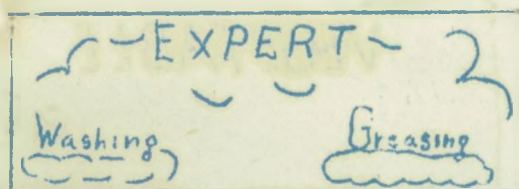
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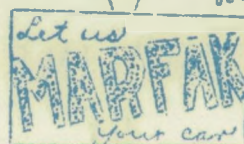
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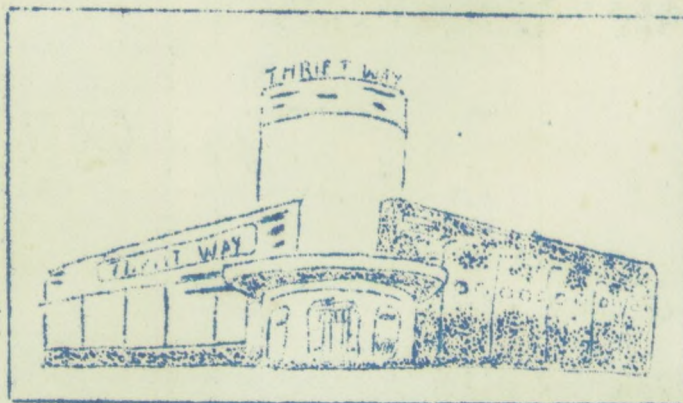


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